

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# NINETY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

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**No. 355**

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S. P. 118

In Senate, January 30, 1947

Taken from Table on motion by Senator Morrill of Cumberland, and on further motion by Senator Cross of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Leavitt of Cumberland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Directing Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries to Make  
Study of Life and Habits of Seals.**

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**Study of life and habits of seals. Resolved:** That the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries is hereby authorized and directed to make a comprehensive study of the life and habits of seals which are found along the Maine coast, for the purpose of determining the extent of damage and losses that they cause to the state's commercial fisheries.

A full report of this study shall be made to the 94th legislature to assist it in determining whether or not measures should be introduced for the control of the mammals; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the sum of \$3,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund of the state for purposes of the study; said sum to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Seals are causing great damage and loss to our commercial fisheries and in order to best handle the situation it is advisable that a study be made of seals with an end to prevent future damage and loss.